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Re: Patent Application Entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING  
ITEMS"  
Inventors: GROENEWEGEN, Cornelis H. and ROACH, Kenneth J.  
Our Ref. No.: JD-727-US

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Regards,

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